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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: May 30, 1954

SUBJECT: Consultation regarding Guatemala.

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador of Panama Roberto M. Heurtematte
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

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The Ambassador called at my request on the morning of May 30. I said that we were now approaching the conclusion of our investigations of the ALFHEM incident, and that we had concluded that it would be best to exchange views on an OAS meeting; that we ourselves felt that one should be called. I outlined our ideas on the time, place and terms of the resolution and sanctions, as well as our ideas on how the sanctions should be implemented.

I then said that we felt it best that there be no regional meetings prior to the general meeting if the latter should be held. I emphasized that we would encourage exchanges of views between Panama and the Central American States prior to any general meeting.

He agreed that our proposal regarding an OAS meeting was sound and said that he felt Panama would support us. He said that he would go to Panama within the next few days and undertake to insure the support of his government.

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